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1. Between 26 June and 3 July [REDACTED] the Reuss Kaserne (8441) in Gera was occupied by 1,800 soldiers wearing red-bordered black capalets with artillery insignia. The soldiers belonged to the known artillery unit. The equipment with guns included 100-mm AT guns, 152-mm gun howitzers, 152-mm field howitzers and 4 guns similar to gun howitzers but with a shorter barrel, about 1.5 meters long, with a caliber of about 200 mm. The last two types were not observed there previously. No 122-mm field howitzers were seen during the period under review. It is, however, possible that guns of this type were stored in a shed. Instruction on 8 x 152-mm gun howitzers was daily observed in the barracks yard. The guns remained in the yard also at night. Instruction was also held on 12 x 100-mm AT guns. Field howitzers of 152-mm were for the first time observed on 21 June, when 6 guns of this type left the installation and returned on the same day. These 6 guns were repeatedly observed in the barracks yard. Intensive training and driving practices were conducted near the post almost daily. Motor vehicles

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[REDACTED] were seen entering and leaving the installation.

Comment. The Reuss Kaserne is occupied by the 308th Arty Brig of the XXVIII Gds Ltz Rifle Corps. All motor vehicle [REDACTED] observed belong to this unit. [REDACTED] the brigade was stationed at the post until mid-June. The equipment with 152-mm field howitzers appears new and unusual for a corps artillery brigade. The guns, which resembled gun howitzers but had a shorter barrel and a caliber of approximately 200 mm. [REDACTED] had a

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